Damaged foodgrains

423. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrains worth Rs. 410 crores had been damaged during the last 3 years due to faulty storage and transit by the Food Corporation of India; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the officials responsible for this huge loss?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) No, Sir, The Food Corporation of India have suffered the following losses on account of damage caused to foodgrains due to rains, floods, cyclones etc. during storage, transit and multiple handlings in the last three years:—

Year	Average stock holding (in lakh MTs)	Quantity of foodgrains damaged	%age of damages to average stock holding	Value of losses due to damage (in Rs. crores)
1984-85 . . .	163.15	0.65	0.40	7.77
1985-86 . . .	176.47	0.87	0.49	11.54
1986-87 . . .	169.91	10.8	0.64	9.70

(b) Disciplinary action has been taken against the officials wherever they have been found guilty of negligence on their part.

Announcement of interim relief pending submission of the report of the Wage Board

424. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state whether Government are considering announcement of an interim relief in view of inordinate delay by the Bachawat Committee in submission the report for journalists and non-journalists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Evaluation of crop insurance scheme

425. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 310 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the Group constituted for indepth study and critical review of the copprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme has since submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the measures being taken by Government to remove the deficiencies, if any, in its working to make it more beneficial for a wider section of the rural population?